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Chief, Legislation Division
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SUBJECT: Status of Defector Citizenship Legislation

1. As of this date, the status of the defector citizenship legislation is as follows: In the Senate, the legislation was incorporated into Title V of S. 1271, the Senate version of the Intelligence Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 1986. That bill was reported out by the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence (SSCI) with three modifications: 1) a slight modification to the applicable standard; 2) an absolute limit of 15 persons per year; and 3) a requirement that the intelligence oversight committees be notified each time the Director initiates a formal request to the Attorney General and the Commissioner of the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

2. S. 1271 was then referred jointly to four committees with the Senate Judiciary Committee having referral of Title V. On 11 September 1985, the four committees were discharged from further consideration of the bill. The Senate Judiciary Committee took no action on Title V. This means that Title V remains in the bill as it was reported out by the SSCI and that the bill is now ready for action on the Senate floor. We expect such action to occur within the next two weeks.

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3. We do not at this time anticipate any opposition to Title V on the Senate floor.

4. On the House side, the House has passed H.R. 2419, the House version of the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1986. H.R. 2419 does not contain any defector citizenship provision. Hence, (assuming the Senate passage of S. 1271 as it now stands) the issue becomes one for conference between the House and Senate. We are attempting to identify and deal with any opposition to the legislation that may come from the House Judiciary Committee. To this end, it appears we may be able to arrange a meeting in the near future at which senior Agency officials could present the Agency's case for this legislation to Representative Rodino, Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, and solicit his support. Should that support be forthcoming, the changes for ultimate passage of this legislation would greatly improve.

5. The legislation is by no means sure of passage. We have, however, overcome successive obstacles to date and chances for passage are positive and improving.

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6. Should you have any questions, please feel free to call

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